

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 9, please replace the paragraph starting on line 10 with the following:

"Polymer comprising a reactive functional group" or "polymer comprising a linkage for attachment" refers to a polymer that has been modified, typically but not necessarily, at a terminal end moiety for reaction with another compound to form a covalent linkage. Reaction schemes to functionalize a polymer to have such a reactive functional group of moiety are readily determined by those of skill in the art and/or have been described, for example in U.S. Patent No. ~~5,613,018~~5,631,018 or by Zalipsky *et al.*, in for example, *Eur. Polymer. J.*, 19(12):1177-1183 (1983); *Bioconj. Chem.*, 4(4):296-299 (1993).